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In re application of:

Chris O'Rourke et al.

Serial No.:

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Title:

METHOD ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR SERVER LOAD

BALANCERS SERVICES IN A HIGH THROUGHPUT

ENVIRONMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "Method Allocation Scheme for Server Load Balancers Services in a High Throughput Environment" by Chris O'Rourke et al., please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended at Page 1, lines 1-6, as follows. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/751,317, filed December 29, 2000, entitled "Method Allocation Scheme for Server Load Balancers Services in a High Throughput Environment." This application also relates to U.S. Patent Application DAL01:589023.1

